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REMARKS

The Examiner's attention to the application is noted with appreciation, as is his indication that Claims 1 and 27 are linking claims with respect to Group III, and that no matter which group is elected Claims 19-20, 22-23, 30-31, 37-38, 40-41, 43-44, 46-47, and 59-60 will be examined (in addition to linking Claims 1 and 27). It is further understood that should one or both linking claims be allowed, then the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions will be withdrawn.

Consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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